

NATURAL RESOURCES, RESILIENCY, LANDSCAPE AND SITE DESIGN

PROBLEM/ISSUE:

- Urban farms, community gardens, food hub....LDC needs to further define compatibility issues. How do we create incentives to provide opportunities in appropriate areas? Multi-faceted values are important.

PROPOSED APPROACH:

- Create metrics that will address and define different scales of food along the transect; from rural to peri-urban and intra-urban.
- Identify “urban agriculture incentive zones.” These areas can be public/private ventures. Identify these areas by looking at food desserts found in Austin as well as scales of food production.
- Create a metric that addresses access to healthy food (groceries, farmer-to-consumer sales, etc.)

CASE STUDIES:

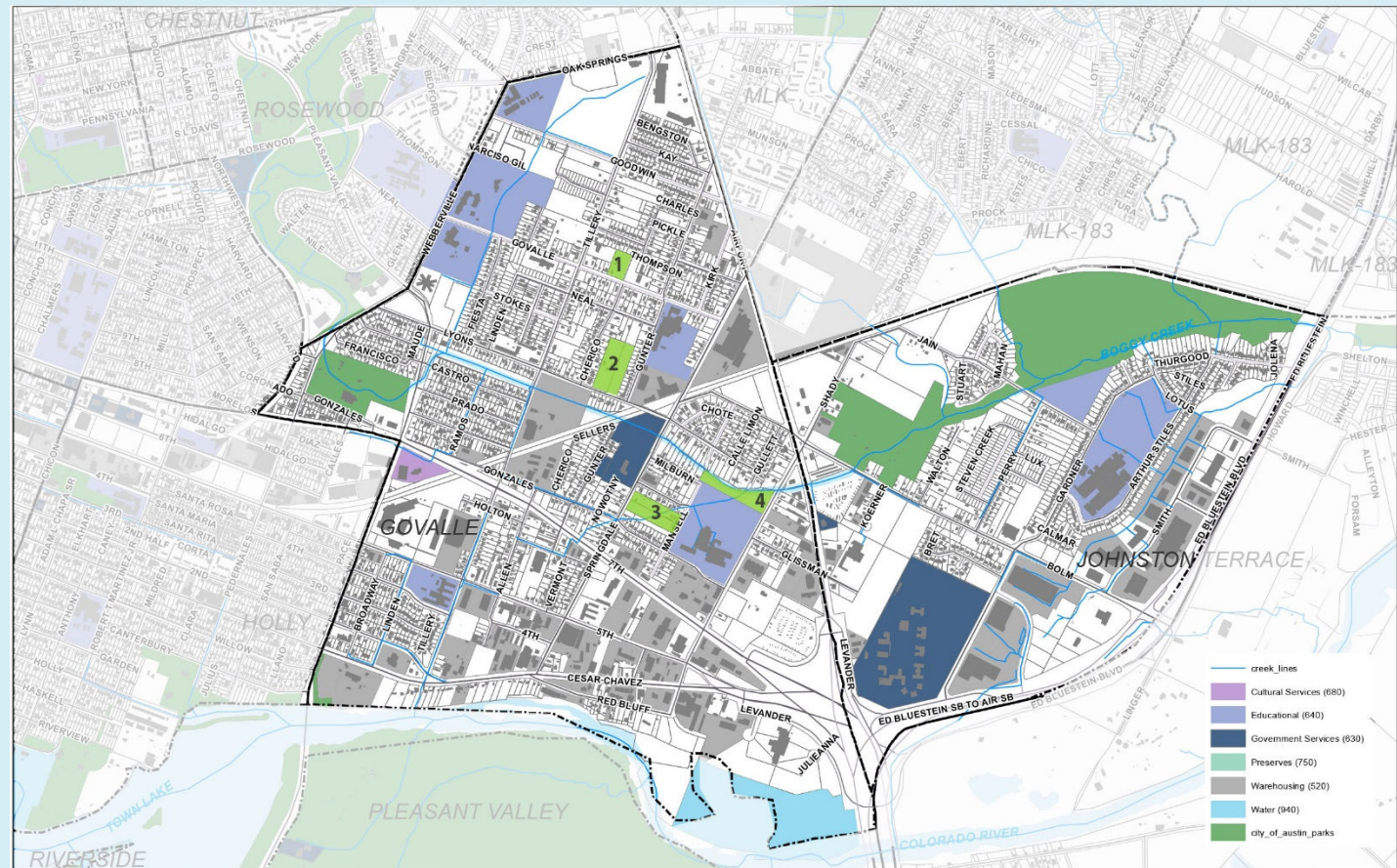
STAR Community Index: Austin is one of the 10 pilot cities now refining a new national sustainability benchmarking tool, the STAR Community Index. **Star Index, HS-4: Food Access & Nutrition Evaluation Measures :** Demonstrate an increase over the past 3 years in the percentage of residents within a walkable ¼ mile of a healthful food retail outlet.

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CASE STUDIES:

- Case study in Austin – where 4 big farms are located in East Austin. Map showing their location in relationship with the neighborhood. Identified existing open space in that neighborhood.

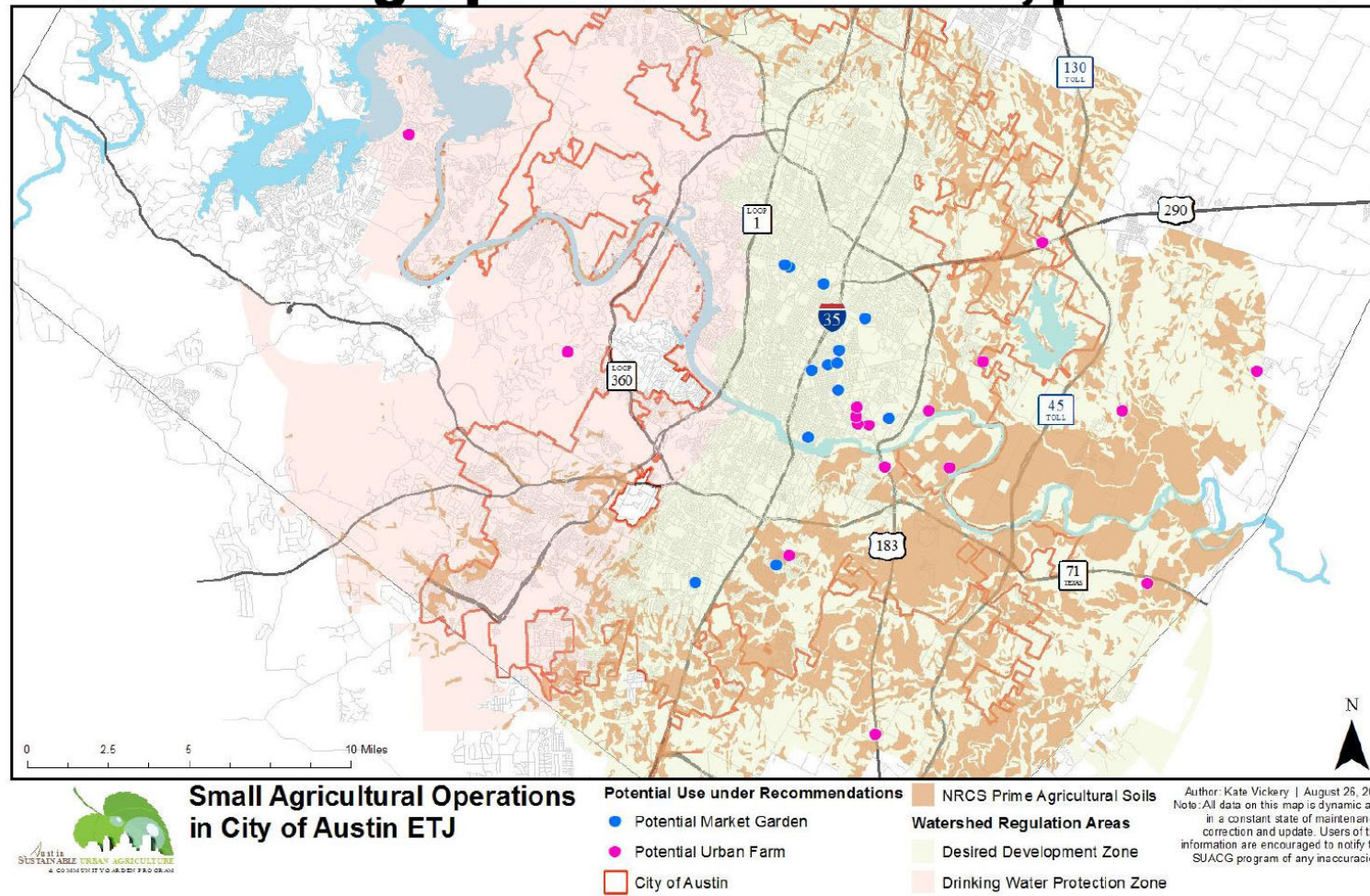


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CASE STUDIES:

- Austin: Add mile radius and add map of all the urban farms and market gardens found in Austin

Most Small Ag Operations are in DDZ, prime soils



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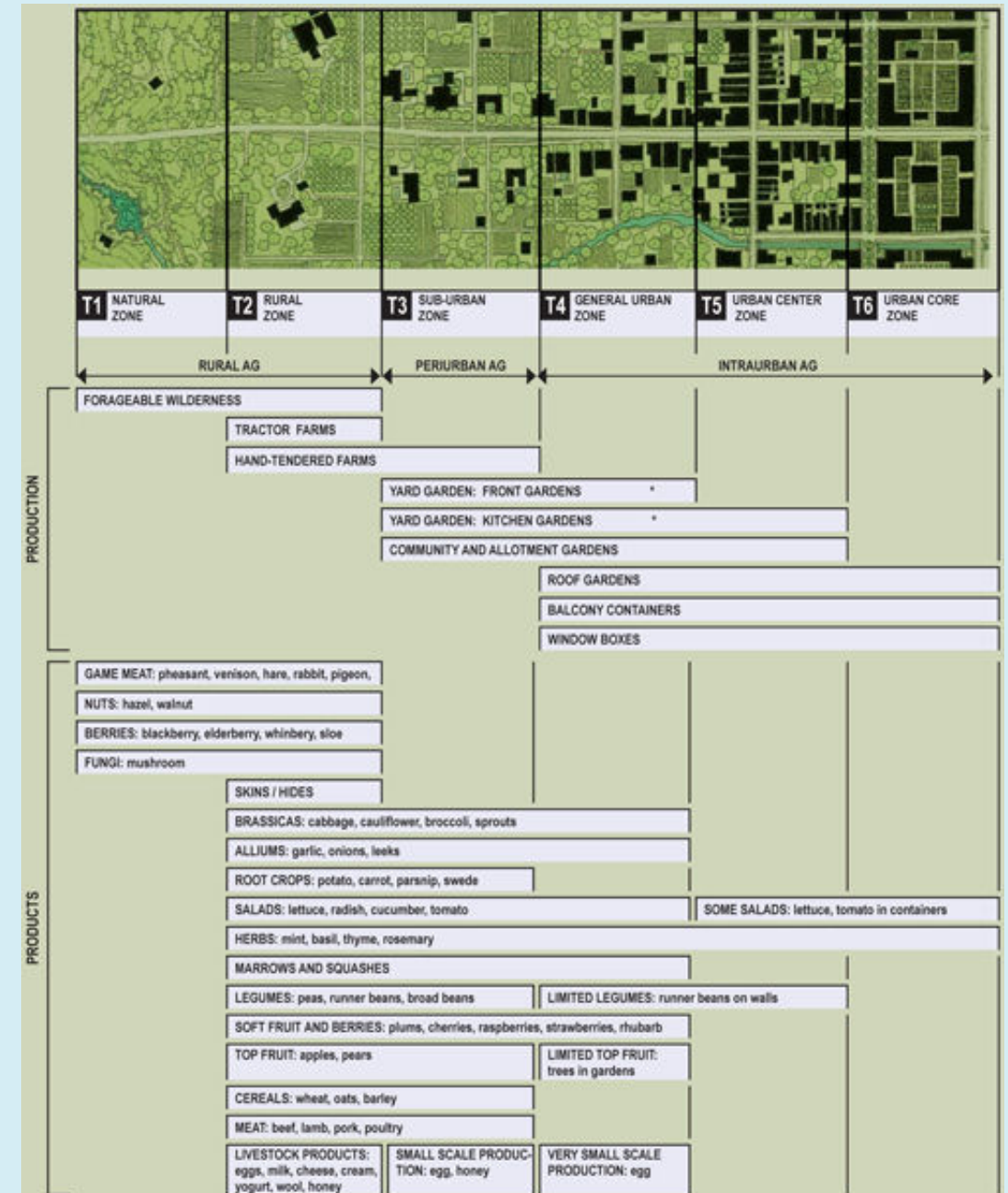
CASE STUDIES:

- Case Study in California –The created “urban agricultural incentive zones”
- On September 28, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the [Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Act](#) (AB 551)
- AB 551 Bill: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB551
<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/oct/02/local/la-me-urban-agriculture-law-20131003>

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CASE STUDIES:

- Different scales of production.
- **Garden Cities: Theory & Practice of Agrarian Urbanism**
2011, The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment
By: Andres Duany and Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company



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CASE STUDIES:

[Prairie Crossing events, Grayslake, IL](http://www.prairiecrossing.com/)
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